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SUBJ: PROPOSED FMS AGREEMENT WITH UAE

1. SHORTLY BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE CHARGE GRIFFIN RECEIVED FONMINISTRY REACTION TO OUR PROPOSED FMS AGREEMENT WITH UAE. I CALLED ON MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS GHUBBASH JULY 10 TO MAKE SURE I UNDERSTOOD FULLY ANY PROBLEMS UAE HAD WITH TEXT. GHUBBASH TOLD ME OUR DRAFT BASICALLY MET WITH THEIR APPROVAL, ONLY PROBLEM BEING PARA 5 WHICH HAD STRUCK UAE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE AS "TOO ONE-SIDED". OUR LANGUAGE IN PRECEDING PARAS DEALING WITH COMPLEXITIES OF FEDERAL STRUCTURE SEEMED TO CAUSE NO PROBLEMS FOR THEM.

2. BEFORE CONSIDERING POSSIBLE CHANGES OF WORDING TO MEET UAE MINISTRY DEFENSE RESERVATIONS, I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A STAB AT OVERCOMING THEIR OBJECTIONS BY EXPLAINING THE PURPOSE OF THIS PARA DIRECTLY TO MINISTRY OF DEFENSE, WHERE OBJECTIONS APPARENTLY LIE. I HAVE ACCORDINGLY ASKED FOR MEETING WITH UAE MINISTER DEFENSE SHAIKH MUHAMMAD BIN RASHID, AND GHUBBASH HAS PROMISED TO TRY TO ARRANGE THIS. MAY I TELL MINDEFENSE THAT THIS IS STANDARD PARA IN ALL FMS AGREEMENTS? MAY I EXPLAIN THAT PARA IS MAINLY DESIGNED FOR CONTINGENCY OF US NATIONAL EMERGENCY WHICH MIGHT MAKE IT NECESSARY TO SEIZE CERTAIN CATEGORIES OF WEAPONRY FOR ITS OWN DEFENSE? MAY I SAY THAT ANY OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER WHICH US

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WOULD UNILATERALLY SUSPEND DELIVERIES WHICH HAD ALREADY BEEN

CONTRACTED FOR EXTREMELY UNLIKELY? MAY I POINT OUT THAT DURING
OCTOBER WAR, FOR EXAMPLE, OUR ARMS SHIPMENTS TO SAUDI
ARABIA UNDER FMS AGREEMENT WERE NOT INTERRUPTED OR DELAYED?
ANY OTHER GUIDANCE WHICH DEPARTMENT AND DOD CAN PROVIDE TO
SET FORTH JUSTIFICATION FOR THIS PARA AS IT STANDS WOULD BE
APPRECIATED.
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